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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION U.S. SALT DELEGATION GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

DATE:

December 20, 1972

TIME:

2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

PLACE: USSR Mission, Geneva

SUBJECT: SALT

PARTICIPANTS: US

USSR

Mr. John P. Shaw Mr. Demitri Arensburger,

Interpreter

Mr. V. V. Smolin Mr. E. N. Kochetkov,

Interpreter

At Garthoff's request, Shaw reviewed with Smolin the order of procedures for tomorrow's plenary, namely -- statement by Semenov, statement by Smith, initialing the "Basic Paragraphs," signing of Memorandum of Understanding, and some acknowledgement by the Heads of Delegation of the Communique. He said it was his understanding that the Communique would not be initialed. He also reminded Smolin that the procedures were the same as those followed previously at initialing ceremonies and said that he assumed the Executive Secretaries were aware of them or would be in touch. Shaw and Smolin then compared the final texts of the Memorandum of Understanding and the "Basic Paragraphs" and found them to conform with one another. They also compared the respective texts of the Communique and also found them to be in conformity except for a few grammatical changes to be made in the Soviet text.

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